



## **Super J Vintage Netball 2009 Shoots Off February 11**

THE fifth annual Super J Vintage Netball Tournament will now shoot off on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at the Vigie Multi-Purpose Sports Complex. The opening match will feature defending champions, Golden Girls, against GI Gems of Gros Islet, starting at 6:00 p.m.

The tournament was initially due to start on Sunday but organizers agreed to a postponement in an effort to accommodate the number of scheduled football matches set for that day, particularly the quarterfinals of the Commercial Football League. Speaking at a cheque presentation ceremony on Wednesday morning, at the Complex, President of the SLNNA Caron Tobierre expressed her joy at the partnership which has developed between her organisation and the sponsors.

“We started off when they were still Julian’s, and we’ve gone into a wonderful relationship. It has grown and we are so happy that Super J continues to sponsor and partner with us in the development of this tournament,” said an elated Tobierre.

Noting the objectives of the tournament, Tobierre said the intention, in the first instance, was to bring back the camaraderie among the players and to continue what started off for many as a nice sporting adventure with the words “lovely” and “nice” filling the atmosphere back then.

“And so we wanted to bring that sort of spirit back on the courts again, and hence the reason for starting off with the Vintage tournament,” added Tobierre.

In making the presentation of the cheque for \$8,500, CFL’s Public Relations Manager Mrs. Sariah Best-Joseph said it was always an exciting moment at this time of the year for the company getting into the throes of the tournament.

The tournament is budgeted at \$10,000, of which CFL will give the remaining \$1,500 in kind to the Association.

“This activity is very dear to us for a number of reasons. Firstly, it’s a sport that engages women, and women are our biggest customers, and secondly, our company has a passion for sports and sporting activities. Also, we recognize that sports create avenues for

discipline, for engendering team spirit, and instilling certain levels of obedience and tolerance for each other ...

“For us at CFL, we pride ourselves in being able to work with the Netball Association. Despite the economic downturn and the projection for the year, I am proud to say that we remain committed to working with the organisation and we certainly hope that persons would come out in their numbers to support the tournament,” said Best-Joseph.

Although there is the competitive level but Tobiere notes that the tournament is not about competition. “It is about camaraderie, showing team spirit, showing the younger players what it used to be like to have netball back in the (olden) days and the skills that were there; as well as the grace and discipline that obtained then. Certainly, some of those elements are missing in today,” contends Tobiere.

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